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INFORMAL MINUTES OF MEETING OF DIRECTOR, INTERDEPARTMENTAL
FOREIGN INFORMATION ORGANIZATION AND CONSULTANTS ON THURSDAY
OCTOBER 26, 1950, IN OFFICE OF DIRECTOR

PRESENT: Department of State - Mr. Barrett, Director
 Mr. Stone, Executive Secretary
 Mr. Phillips
Department of Defense - General Magruder
Joint Chiefs of Staff - Col. Hopkins
Department of the Army - General McClure
 Lt. Col. Davis
Central Intelligence Agency - Mr. Wisner
National Security Resources Board - Mr. Sheppard

This special meeting was called at the request of Mr. Barrett to consider the Korea Plan, with Lt. Col. Davis, steering member of the working group, present.

As some of the consultants had not had an opportunity to study the revised plan and enclosures in detail, discussion was confined to consideration of major questions raised by Col. Davis. Mr. Barrett noted that agreement had been reached at the previous meeting to re-examine the policy objectives as set forth in Enclosure B, annex 3, with respect to Korea, differentiating between those tasks which apply to all Korea, those which apply to North Korea and those which apply to South Korea. Col. Davis indicated that the working group felt that most of the basic objectives and tasks applied to all Korea, and that important differences would appear largely in the themes. It was agreed that the working group should carefully examine this problem.

With respect to the form in which the plan would be issued, General McClure suggested that a covering despatch might be prepared, making it clear that the plan covered three distinct fields: (1) Assumptions and organizational arrangements at the State-Defense level in Washington; (2) assumptions regarding implementation in the field, and (3) enclosures on objectives and tasks which would be issued in the form of policy guidances. It was agreed that with such a covering despatch the plan should be sent to General MacArthur for his comments on the pertinent sections.

Col. Davis, after reporting on the status of the Plan and enclosures, distributed a paper listing seven specific problems which had arisen in the working group in connection with the body of the plan. He also raised a question of whether basic power objectives should be stated in policy guidance papers. After

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brief discussion, it was agreed that guidances designed for wide dissemination to operators should not include statements of basic objectives which would be harmful to the U. S. if disclosed. However, it was agreed that such statements could be included in a secret annex for limited distribution.

In the course of discussion of Col. Davis' specific points, the following comments were made:

1. General MacArthur has adequate authority to conduct the UN troop I and E program. It should be clearly stated, however, that the program will be limited to orientation "to the extent that may be required to assure conduct of troops in keeping with the spirit of the UN."
2. With regard to another plan dealing with UN policy content, the State Department should undertake to get policy recommendations.
3. The State Department should have primary responsibility for policy formulation for the UN program.
4. The plan might appropriately include a reference to provision for internal coordination among staff elements within each department.
5. With reference to the responsibilities of the Department of Defense, the plan might appropriately refer to Department of Defense "through the Joint Chiefs of Staff."
6. With reference to responsibility for information activities in ROK, the plan should specify that responsibility for execution should be transferred back from Department of Defense to Department of State at a time mutually agreed by the two departments.
7. It should be assumed that the United Nations Commission on unification and rehabilitation will act through the U. S. Government.

Before the meeting adjourned, General McClure called attention to the importance of U. S. overt publications in Germany for dissemination behind the Iron Curtain. He had been informed that some of our overt publications including "Neue Auslese" and "Heute" were to be discontinued. Mr. Barrett indicated that the publication program was under review in connection with overall propaganda activities in Germany, and said that he would have one of our top people discuss this problem with General McClure.

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